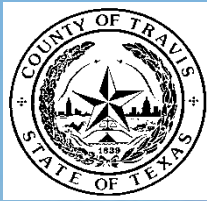




Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department



Austin/Travis Co HHSD Farmers' Market Permit

**PHHS Committee
August 20th, 2013**

Presenter

**David Lopez, Chief Sanitarian
Environmental Health Services Division**

Purpose



To adopt changes to City of Austin Code Section 10-3, which will provide for a new category of annual Farmers' Market Permits. Vendors will be able to obtain an annual permit specific to their type of operation.

HISTORY



- **Oct. 2009**
 - Meeting held with representatives to discuss expanding ability of vendors to provide samples of food. This meeting resulted in the drafting of a “Sampling Permit”
- **Nov. 2009**
 - Farmers’ Market representatives request an on-going Temporary Event Permit for vendors to allow food preparation
- **Jan. 2010**
 - City Law Department provides opinion that Farmers’ Markets does not meet the definition of a temporary event.
- **Nov. 2010**
 - City Council passed an ordinance exempting farmers market vendors to operate more than four times per year under a temporary food permit

Current Permitting Structure



Farmers Market vendors are currently utilizing several types of permits.

- **Restricted Mobile Vending Permits, annual.**
 - ✦ \$215 (\$125 application fee plus \$90 permit fee)
 - ✦ Second and subsequent application fees are waived per city ordinance. Must apply on same day
- **Farmers Market “Sampling” Permits, annual.**
 - ✦ \$210 permit fee
- **Temporary “Special Event” Farmers Market Permits, issued for up to 14 weeks.**
 - ✦ \$35 per week

Proposed Farmers Market Permit



- New permitting structure is based on food service operation and foodborne illness risk
- Class A Permit – Allows vendor to sell pre-packaged products and limited beverages.
 - No food preparation allowed
- Class B Permit – Allows for sampling of food and limited food preparation.
- Class C Permit – Allows full food preparation

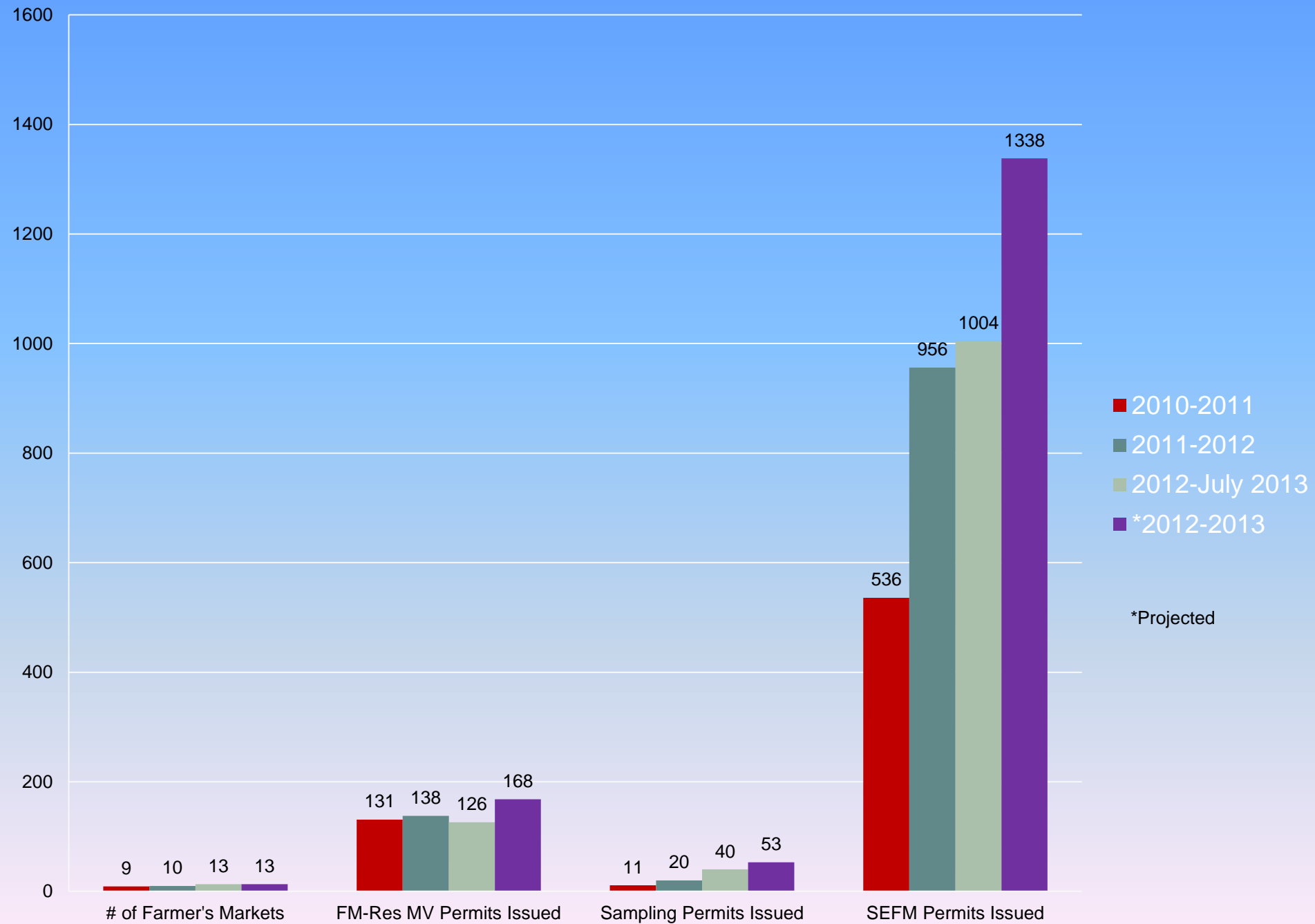
Proposed Permit Fees



- **Originally Proposed Fee Structure**
 - Class A - \$250, 3 inspections per year
 - Class B - \$400, 4 inspections per year
 - Class C - \$650, 6 inspections per year
 - Projected annual revenue - \$76,450
- **Alternate Fee Structure based on stakeholder feedback**
 - Class A - \$180, 2 inspections per year
 - Class B - \$300, 3 inspections per year
 - Class C - \$650, 6 inspections per year
 - Projected annual revenue - \$64,540

* All fees based on CBO cost recovery model.

Farmers Market Data



Questions?

